

### REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the above-identified application into four different inventions and required election of one of them. These four inventions have been identified as follows:

- I. Claims 1-18, 23, 24, drawn to an electrochemical battery cell, classified in class 429, subclass 178.
- II. Claims 19-22, drawn to a pellet, classified in class 429, subclass 209.
- III. Claims 25-33, 44, 45 drawn to a method of manufacturing a pellet, classified in class 29, subclass 623.5.
- IV. Claims 34-43, drawn to a method of manufacturing an electrochemical battery cell, classified in class 29, subclass 623.1

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group 1, covered by claims 1-18, 23, 24, drawn to an electrochemical battery cell, classified in class 429, subclass 178.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

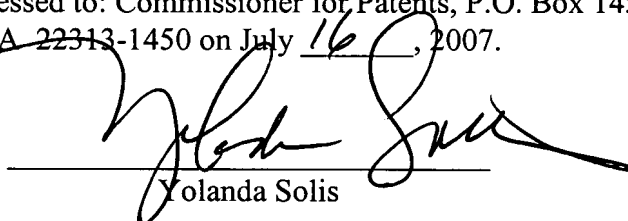
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